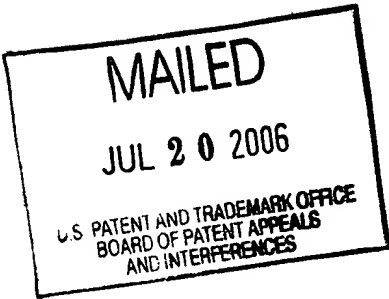


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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

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This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on July 10, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.


Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) were filed September 23, 2005, December 14, 2005 and March 29, 2006. It is not apparent from the record that the examiner considered the statements submitted nor notified applicants of why his submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

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Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED** that the application is being electronically returned to the Examiner for consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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